

Writers Guild adds Singleton, Stone, Kasdans to nominations

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Oliver Stone, already up for a Directors Guild of America Award for "JFK," has been nominated for a Writers Guild of America award as well, the writers union announced Wednesday.

Writer-directors John Singleton and Lawrence Kasdan also were nominated for WGA awards, Singleton for "Boyz n the Hood" and Kasdan, along with his wife, Meg, for "Grand Canyon." However, Stone is the only filmmaker to be nominated by both unions this year.

Singleton and the Kasdans will compete for the Best Original Screenplay award along with James Toback ("Bugsy"), Richard LaGravenese ("The Fisher King")

and Callie Khouri ("Thelma & Louise").

Stone and "JFK" collaborator Zachary Sklar were nominated for Best Adaptation Screenplay. The competition: "The Commitments," by Dick Clement & Ian La Frenais and Roddy Doyle; "Fried Green Tomatoes," by Fannie Flagg and Carol Sobieski; "The Prince of Tides" by Pat Conroy and Becky Johnston; and "Silence of the Lambs," by Ted Tally.

Several of the nominees already have won screenwriting awards. Khouri received a Golden Globe, Singleton is getting an award from the National Association of Theater Owners, Toback picked up the Los Angeles Film Critics Association award, and Flagg and Sobieski won the USC Scriptor

award.

Noticeably missing from the WGA nominees list is David Cronenberg, whose screen adaptation of William S. Burroughs' "The Naked Lunch" was honored by the New York Film Critics Circle and the National Society of Film Critics.

Stone and Lawrence Kasdan are past WGA award winners, for "Midnight Express" and "The Big Chill," respectively.

While not as reliable an indicator as the Directors Guild's awards, the WGA awards in most years foreshadow the Oscar winners.

Winners will be announced March 22, eight days before the Academy Awards, at ceremonies in Beverly Hills and New York.